

CLAIMS

1. A seat mount for use with both a vehicle seat and anchor mounts provided in or near the vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising
5 a base adapted to be coupled to a juvenile seat,
an anchor belt including a strap, opposite end portions, and a clasp
coupled to each end portion and adapted to be coupled to one of the anchor mounts,
and
a leash coupled to the base and to the anchor belt.

10 2. The seat mount of claim 1, wherein the base further includes a pair of openings and the anchor belt is threaded through the openings to position the base in an anchored position.

15 3. The seat mount of claim 2, wherein the base further includes a base bottom, a front portion coupled to the base bottom, a first side wall extending upwardly from the base bottom along one edge of the front portion, and a second side wall extending upwardly from the base bottom along an opposite edge of the front portion, and wherein each side wall includes one of the openings.

20 4. The seat mount of claim 3, wherein the base further includes a slot through each side wall for communication with one of the respective openings.

5. The seat mount of claim 2, wherein the strap includes a central portion between each end portion, the base includes a base bottom and side walls coupled to the base bottom, and the leash is coupled to the central portion of the strap and to the base bottom of the base.

25 6. The seat mount of claim 5, wherein the base bottom includes a top surface adapted for communication with a juvenile seat and a bottom surface adapted for communication with a vehicle seat and wherein the leash is coupled to the top surface of the base bottom.

30 7. The seat mount of claim 5, wherein the base bottom includes a top surface adapted for communication with a juvenile seat and a bottom surface adapted for communication with a vehicle seat and wherein the leash is coupled to the bottom surface of the base bottom.

8. The seat mount of claim 7, wherein the base bottom further includes an access slot formed to receive a portion of the leash therethrough.

9. The seat mount of claim 1, further including a coupler coupling the leash to the base.

5 10. The seat mount of claim 9, wherein the coupler is a screw.

11. The seat mount of claim 9, wherein the coupler is a rivet.

12. The seat mount of claim 1, wherein the base further includes an anchor belt surface formed to extend between the openings of the base and wherein the anchor belt lies adjacent the surface when the anchor belt is in the anchored position.

10 13. The seat mount of claim 12, wherein the base bottom includes a storage compartment configured to receive the anchor belt in a stowed position when the anchor belt is not threaded through the openings, and wherein the leash remains coupled to the base bottom when the anchor belt is moved between an anchored position where the anchor belt is threaded through the openings and the stowed position where the anchor belt is received within the storage compartment.

14. The seat mount of claim 13, wherein the storage compartment is positioned adjacent the anchor belt surface.

15. The seat mount of claim 14, wherein the storage compartment 20 is positioned between a right portion and a left portion of the anchor belt surface.

16. A seat mount is provided for use with a juvenile seat, a passenger vehicle seat, and anchor mounts provided in or near the passenger vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising

25 a base having a base bottom, a first side wall extending upwardly from the bottom and a second side wall extending upwardly from the bottom, an opening formed in each side wall, and a storage compartment positioned between the side walls,

30 a vehicle anchor system coupled to the base bottom and adapted to be coupled to the anchor mounts, the system being movable between an anchored position where a portion of the system is received through each of the openings to position the base in a rearwardly facing position on the vehicle seat and a stowed position where a portion of the system is received within the storage compartment, the

vehicle anchor system remaining coupled to the base during movement between the anchored position and the stowed position.

17. The seat mount of claim 16, wherein the vehicle anchor system includes an anchor belt and a leash coupled to the base at one end and coupled to the
5 anchor belt at another end, the anchor belt being threaded through the openings of the base to position the system in the anchored position.

18. The seat mount of claim 17, wherein the anchor belt includes a strap having a central portion and opposite end portions and a clasp coupled to each end portion and adapted to be coupled to one of the anchor mounts.

10 19. The seat mount of claim 18, wherein the leash is coupled to the central portion of the strap.

20. The seat mount of claim 17, wherein the leash is coupled to a top surface of the base bottom.

15 21. The seat mount of claim 20, wherein the base includes an anchor belt surface positioned to extend between the openings of the base for placement of the anchor belt thereon when the system is in the anchored position, and further wherein the storage compartment is formed in the front portion of the base and is positioned adjacent the anchor belt surface.

22. The seat mount of claim 16, wherein the leash is coupled to a
20 bottom surface of the base.

23. The seat mount of claim 22, wherein the base includes an access slot and a portion of the leash is received through the access slot when the vehicle anchor system is in the anchored position and the stowed position.

24. The seat mount of claim 22, wherein the base includes a right
25 anchor belt surface and a left anchor belt surface each positioned between the openings of the base for placement of the anchor belt thereon when the system is in the anchored position, and further wherein the storage compartment is positioned between the right and the left anchor belt surfaces.

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25. A seat mount is provided for use with both a vehicle seat and anchor mounts provided in or near the vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising
a base having a pair of openings,
an anchor belt adapted to be coupled to the anchor mounts, the anchor
5 belt being threaded through the openings to position the seat in an anchored position,
and
a leash having an end coupled to the base and another end coupled to a
central portion of the anchor belt, the leash enabling the anchor belt to move laterally
through the openings relative to the base so that the anchor belt is adapted to be
10 coupled to anchor mounts spaced apart by different distances.

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